

## Yavapai County Master Gardener Mentor Program

The Yavapai County Master Gardener Mentor Program is designed to support Associate Master Gardeners during their pre-certification period. Mentors will remain in contact with Associate Master Gardeners to answer questions, provide counsel on obtaining volunteer hours, and to help them network with other Master Gardeners.

### Mentor Criteria

- a. Mentors are certified Master Gardeners who have an “active” status.
- b. Mentors receive Volunteer hours for time spent in the mentor process.

### Mentor Responsibilities

- a. Attend the Mentor Training Session.
- b. Assist with the mentee/mentor matching process, if possible.
- c. Attend the Certification Plan Workshop.
- d. Maintain monthly contact (phone call, e-mail, card, etc.) with mentee through the first year of the certification process.
- e. Be available to mentee for questions and guidance.
- f. Encourage mentee to attend monthly MGA meetings and if possible carpool with mentee.
- g. Participate in mentee’s recognition of certification when presented at MGA meeting.

### Associate Master Gardener (Mentee) Responsibilities

- a. Attend the Certification Plan Workshop.
- b. Communicate with mentor during the certification year.

### Mentor Coordinator’s Responsibilities

- a. Provide guidelines, ideas, etc. to mentors.
- b. Attend MG training classes to become familiar with the students.
- c. Oversee the mentee/mentor matching process.
- d. Organize and lead the Mentor Training Session and the Certification Plan Workshop.
- e. Encourage and periodically meet with mentors to monitor and assist with the mentor process.